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# Brown fired; Penders to join Spurs?

#### Spurs coach asks for termination; cites owner's lack of confidence

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio Spurs fired coach Larry Brown at his own request Tuesday, ending his 3 1/2 years with a team that won two Midwest Division championships but struggled this season.

Brown's termination followed two road losses and two stormy days of dealings with owner Red McCombs in which Brown reportedly was fired then the season, Bass said. rehired before being fired a sec-

ond time. It marks the first time Brown has been terminated in his 20 years of coaching basketball.

"Larry was rehired Brown more and more feeling that I after a turbulent meeting Mondidn't have the confidence in day, the Spurs owner said he him that he would have liked to have had," McCombs said at a hastily called news conference

Tuesday morning.
"He requested that he be terminated. I didn't expect that. It certainly was not contemplated," McCombs said. "It's a very unusual situation to be asked to

Brown was not at the news conference and did not return a telephone call from The Associ-

Brown will be replaced for the rest of the season by Bob Bass, Spurs vice president of bas-

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The ketball operations, who has coached the Spurs and other teams in the past

Bass, who last coached the Spurs in the 1983-84 season after Morris McHone was fired, was to lead the team in Tuesday night's home game against the Los Angeles Clippers. The assistant coaching staff will remain with the team the remainder of

The Spurs will begin a search for a new head coach for next year.

Despite published reports that McCombs had fired then rehired Brown day, the Spurs owner said he considered Brown the head

coach until he didn't show up at a Tuesday meeting and the team's shoot-around. "Larry has made a great contribution here," McCombs said.
"We are all the better for it. I

wish it was the kind of thing that could have lasted forever. Brown's record was 153-131 as Spurs coach. This season, San Antonio has posted a 21-17

record so far. Bass, McCombs and assistant coach Gregg Popovich met with Spurs players Tuesday to tell them of the coaching decision.

# Texas coach likely candidate

AUSTIN (AP) — San Antonio owner Red McCombs may not have to look very far to replace Larry Brown, fired Tuesday as the Spurs' coach.

Texas Longhorns coach Tom

Penders has been mentioned before as a possible Spurs coach, and as recently as last week McCombs Penders would be a likely coach to fill any Spurs vacancy.

"As far as if I think Tom Penders can coach in the NBA, the answer is yes. As far as if I'd consider him if I had a coaching vacancy, the answer is yes, McCombs said last week in an inter-

During weekly Southwest Conference coaches conference call with reporters Tuesday, Penders declined comment

said he has not been contacted by McCombs. "Of course I got to know Red when I first moved here," Penders said. "He's a strong UT-ex and very supportive of our program.
"I'm saddened to hear (about Brown's firing)," he said.

has been friends with Pends since the Longhorns coach can Austin in 1988. The two regul have attended several of each ers' games every season since. Penders has been rumo

NBA even the S - before.

summer, he interviewed the New Knicks for thead coach job.

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Penders sevencontract con ered lucrativ college dards. But has been broiled in troversy rounding star player, ter Cambrid Cambri senior forv is fighting NCAA to r

Battalion file photo his eligib on his interest in **Tom Penders** could be a viable which was the job. Penders candidate for the Spurs post voked when voked when

admitted acc ing a check from a junior coll booster.

In its early stages, the order reportedly caused a rift between

Penders and the UT adminis

tion. Both parties insist that the

wounds have since been healed

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nant team in football. It didn't matter what kind of field they were playing on, they were the best — Case closed. Nothing will change this Sunday. Why?

They have better players. They match up very well against the Bills. They are an NFC team

 Three very good reasons.
 Jim Kelly is a great quarter-back who is having a good year. Mark Rypien is an average quarterback having a great year. The Bills offense has sputtered a little bit this season. The Redskins have been clicking on all cylin-

ders.

The matchup to watch Sunday will be the Redskins Posse, their receiving corps of Art Monk, Gary Clark and Ricky Sanders. It will be interesting to see how they fair against the sec-ondary of the Bills led by safeties Mark Kelso and Leonard Smith and cornerback Kirby Jackson. The Redskin receivers should have a field day against the Bill's

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The only person capable of stopping the Redskins is Thurman Thomas. The Bills running back is the best at his position in all of football. If the Bills decide to give him the ball every play, they have a chance to win the game. That should about sum up the Bills chance for victory.

The AFC is just plain weak An 8-8 team made the playoffs in the AFC. The NFC team with the worst record in the playoffs was Dallas. They were 11-5 and also won a playoff game.

The Bills are the best team in the AFC. But is that really such good thing? Try to name three good teams in the AFC? Get back to me when you have the

Last year's 20-19 New York Giant win over the Bills was one of the best Super Bowl's ever. And a lot of people think that this year's game could be that same kind of good game. Rypien will throw for 300 yards and three touchdown passes and the 'Skins will roll 35-17.

Last year it was the Giants,

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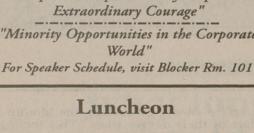
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